

**Downtown Revitalization Committee**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 28, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Newington Town Hall

- I. **Roll Call:** Chairman McBride, Mr. Banach, Mrs. Cohen, Mr. Lenares, Mr. Marocchini and Mr. Shields.

**Others Present:** Town Engineer, Anthony Ferraro; Town Planner, Ed Meehan; Engineer Consultant Gary Fontanella.

II. **Public Participation**

NONE

III. **Market Square Streetscape Project**

Gary Fontanella distributed revised "Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs" dated 2-22-11 and summary sheets showing estimated base bid cost at \$1,036,000 (rounded). Mr. Fontanella also provided the Committee with estimates showing bid alternate cost options for extruded concrete curb versus granite, possible savings of \$71,000.

Town Planner Meehan noted that the TPZ's Town Center Design standards call for granite curbs. The Committee directed the engineer to stay with the use of granite.

Other alternate design options for potential cost saving identified by Mr. Fontanella were crosswalk painted markings versus raised pavers: savings - \$35,000; and painted marking versus flush bump outs: savings - \$50,000.

The Committee then focused on the costs of "off-site" improvements on private property. The cost for brick pavers on the private properties identified is estimated at \$62,000 (\$12 per square foot). An alternative to pavers on private property is concrete sidewalks for savings of \$12,000.

The estimated base bid with brick pavers and granite curbing is \$1,098,000 and with adjustment for alternate concrete sidewalk \$1,089,000.

The Committee felt additional discussion of the design for flush granite "bump out" and the size of bump out at Constance Leigh Drive intersection should be reviewed for possible cost savings.

Town Staff was directed to meet with property owners where off-site improvements (brick paver option) are proposed. Staff will explain the estimated cost to each owner and get their reaction. Also review with property owners what their position will be on maintaining street trees.

IV. **Remarks by Committee Members**

Chairman McBride reminded the Committee that their next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

V.     **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund J. Meehan  
Town Planner

Town Clerk  
Town Website